

Director
Intelligence Community Staff

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I talked about these
problems today with
Philip Hughes from the
Vice President's office.
I will propose that some
initiative come from them.
If it doesn't come, I'll
try to start something
with Casey.



Acting Chairman
DCI Security Committee

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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STAT NOTE FOR: [redacted]
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

STAT FROM: [redacted]
Acting Chairman

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Disclosures

1. Here are some options you might care to mention to the Director concerning efforts to curtail leaks:

a. Raise the security awareness of newly appointed senior officials.

Comment: The Security Committee can call on agencies to field briefing teams with a 20 minute multimedia presentation designed for this purpose.

b. Seek a Presidential expression of concern at a Cabinet meeting about unauthorized disclosures.

c. Seek a Presidential memorandum to Cabinet members and heads of agencies expressing concern on this issue.

d. The DCI issue guidance applicable to both NFIB/NFIC members and civil agency consumers on how to coordinate and clear proposed releases of intelligence.

Comment: There is precedent for this in actions taken by former Directors in 1960 and 1971. The guidance had some beneficial effect for a period.

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e. Seek a Presidential Directive concerning requirements for coordination and clearance with the White House or NSC prior to the release of any classified material.

Comment: This could be associated with DCI guidance as per paragraph 4.

f. Seek Attorney General support in requesting the FBI to devote adequate resources to timely investigation of leaks of significant proportions.

Comment: The Security Committee has requested and the FBI and others have conducted a number of massive investigations over the years, often without successfully identifying the source. The primary cause of failure was wide dissemination of the leaked material. Where investigations did uncover the source, no visible corrective action was taken. FBI investigations have a salutary effect, however, which must be balanced with the realization that the fact of the investigation itself leaks and is a matter of interest to the press.

2. I'll be pleased to discuss any of these issues with you at your convenience.

3. I would also like to note that the record of the Security Committee in this arena is not great. While efforts are in progress to revitalize Security Committee capabilities on this matter on the one hand, the dilution of its charter could be perceived as a negative factor. Could we discuss this at your convenience?

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